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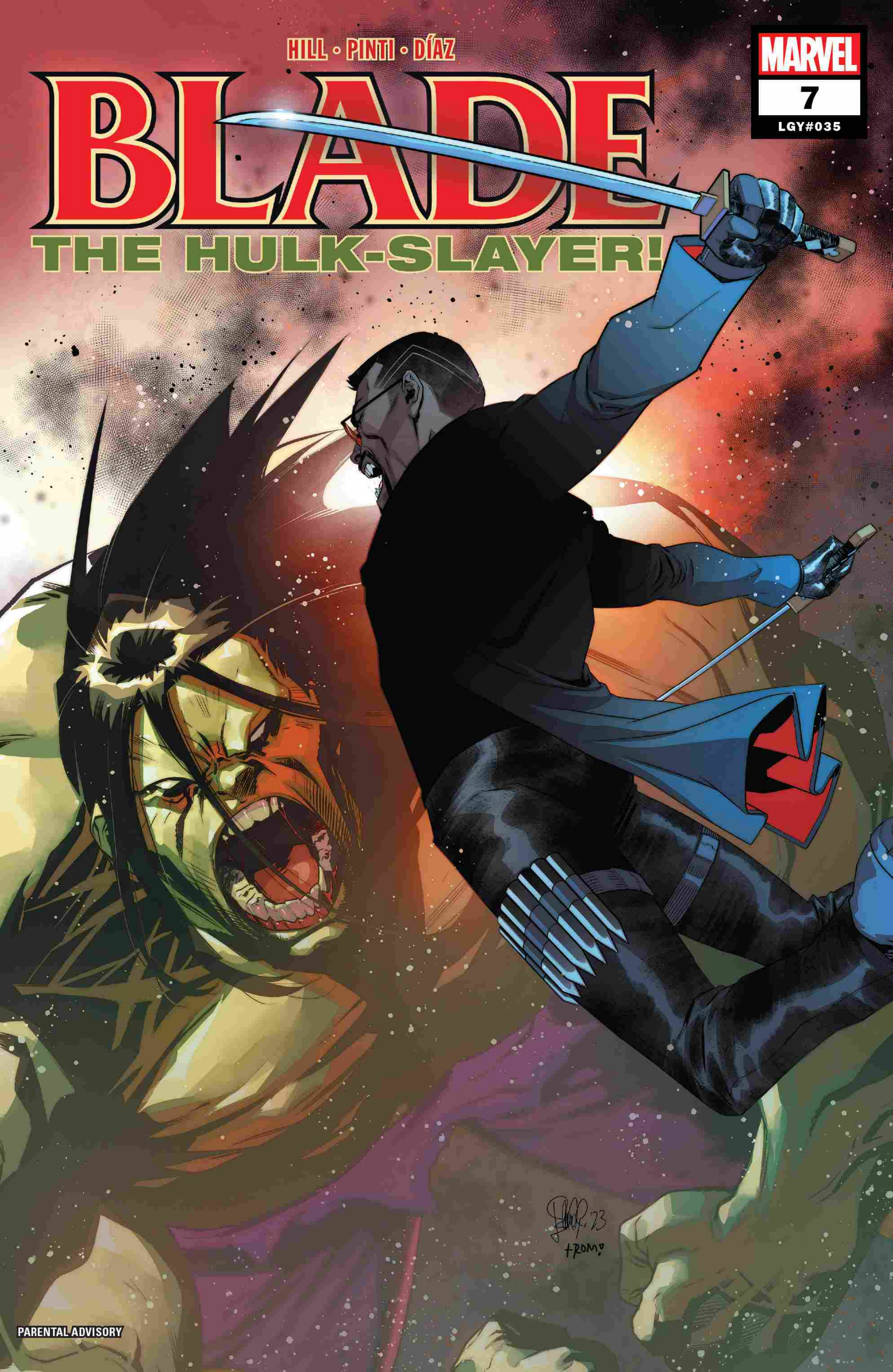
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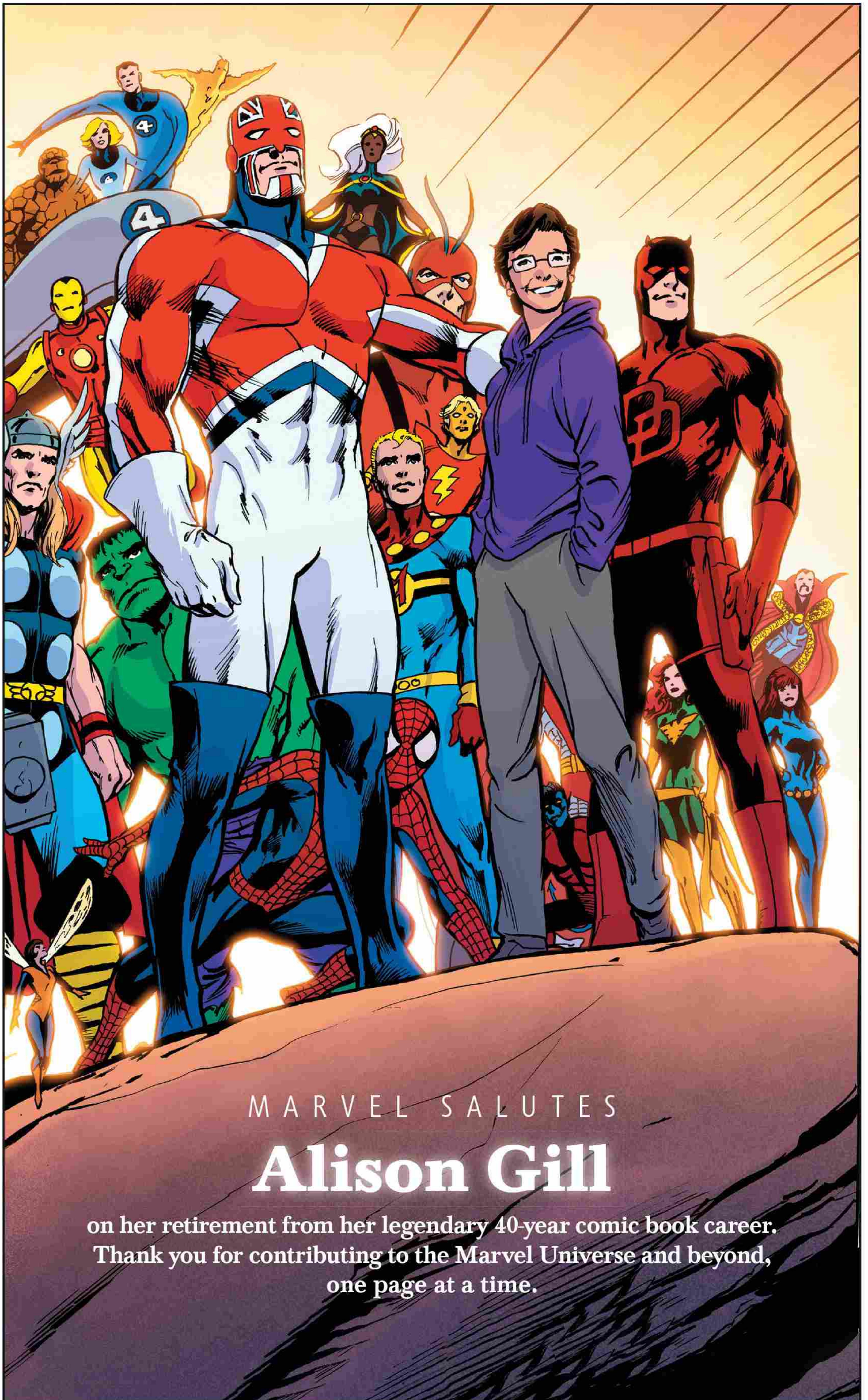
BLADE

THE HULK-SLAYER!



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ERIC BROOKS IS THE HALF-HUMAN/HALF-VAMPIRE HYBRID KNOWN AS BLADE. HE POSSESSES VAMPIRIC STRENGTH, SENSES AND LONGEVITY BUT IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND DAYLIGHT. BLADE HAS DEDICATED HIS LONG LIFE TO BATTLING SUPERNATURAL EVILS, AND HE IS ABOUT TO FACE HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE YET...

BLADE

MOTHER OF EVIL PART SEVEN

AFTER BLADE WAS TRICKED INTO UNLEASHING AN ANCIENT EVIL CALLED THE ADANA, HE AND DOCTOR STRANGE STOLE A MYTHIC SWORD CALLED LIGHTBRINGER TO DESTROY HER. BUT LIGHTBRINGER WAS ACTUALLY THE KEY TO ENACT THE ADANA'S TRUE PLAN TO RELEASE SUPERNATURAL HORRORS OF ALL KINDS AROUND THE WORLD, TURNING AVERAGE HUMANS INTO DEMONS AND SPECTERS. BLADE CHALLENGED THE ADANA IN BATTLE—AND QUICKLY LEARNED HE WAS NO MATCH FOR HER IMMENSE POWER. BRUISED, BATTERED AND HUMBLLED, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TRAIN UNDER DRACULA TO UNLOCK NEW VAMPIRIC ABILITIES. BUT THEIR TRAINING SESSION ENDED WITH AN OMINOUS CALL FROM BRUCE BANNER ASKING FOR HELP.

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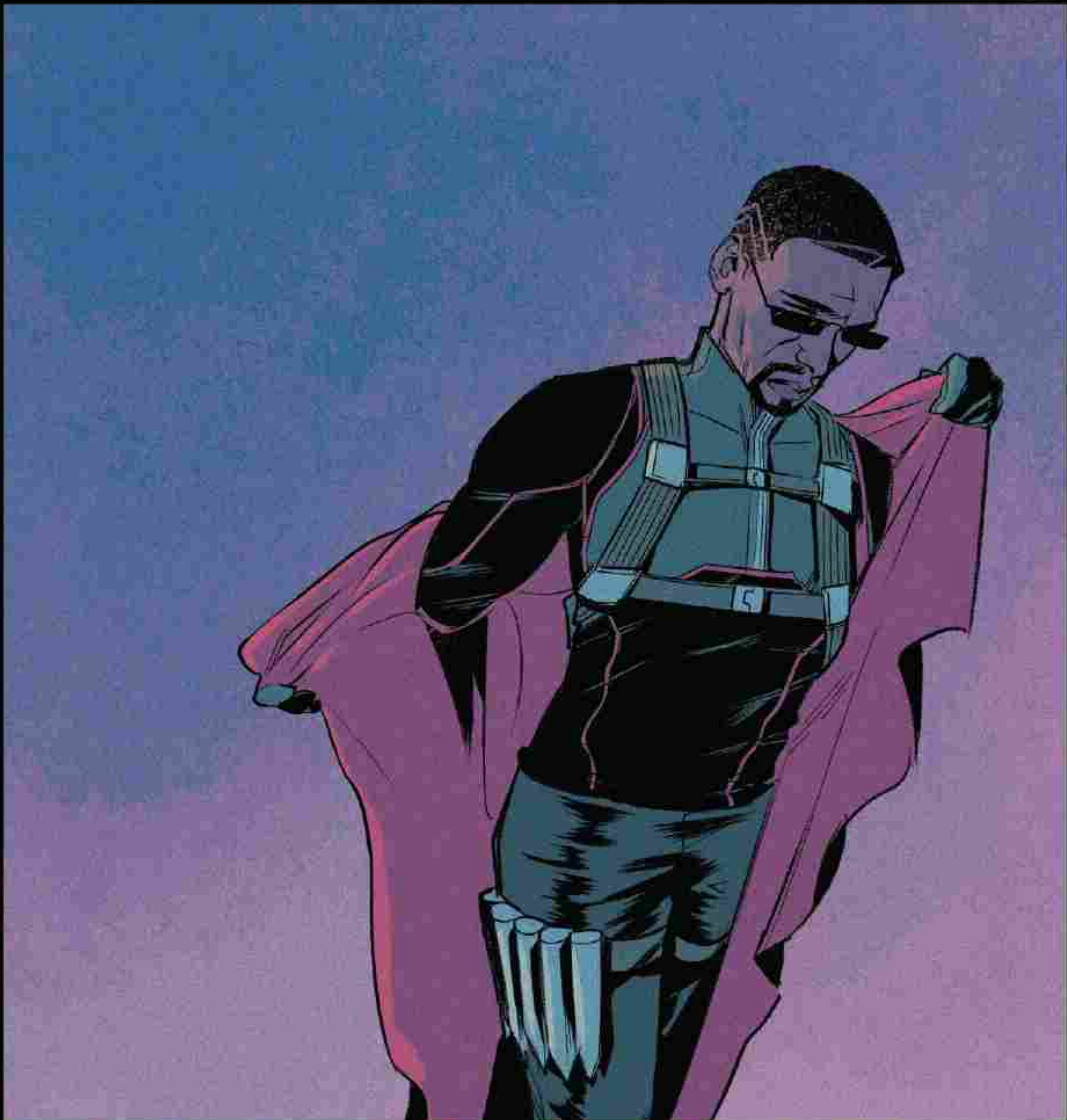
RARRGGGHHHHH!

HEE-HEE-
HEEEEEE!











LEMME
GUESS. YOU WERE
JUST PASSING
THROUGH.



AND YOU
STUMBLED INTO
A TOWN FULL OF
MONSTERS.



IT WAS
EMPTY WHEN I
GOT HERE. LOOKED
DESERTED.

AND THAT'S
WHAT I NEEDED.
ALONE TIME.



THANK
YOU. FOR THE
COFFEE.



I BREW IT
STRONG.

WHY DID
YOU CALL ME,
DOCTOR?



BECAUSE IT
WASN'T ACTUALLY
DESERTED. THOSE...
THINGS WERE
COMING AT NIGHT.
MOSTLY.

THE
TOWNSPEOPLE
ARE HOLED UP IN
THE CHURCH. THOSE
CREATURES DON'T
LIKE THE CHURCH.



DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHY YOU CALLED ME.

HOW'S YUMI-SAN?*

WHY. DID. YOU. CALL. ME.

**BLADE: FIRST BITE OVER ON MARVEL UNLIMITED! --WIL*



I DON'T HAVE DOCTOR STRANGE'S NUMBER.



STEPHEN'S A LITTLE IRRITATED WITH ME.



WHY?

BECAUSE I RELEASED A PRIMORDIAL DEMON CALLED **THE ADANA** INTO THE WORLD...

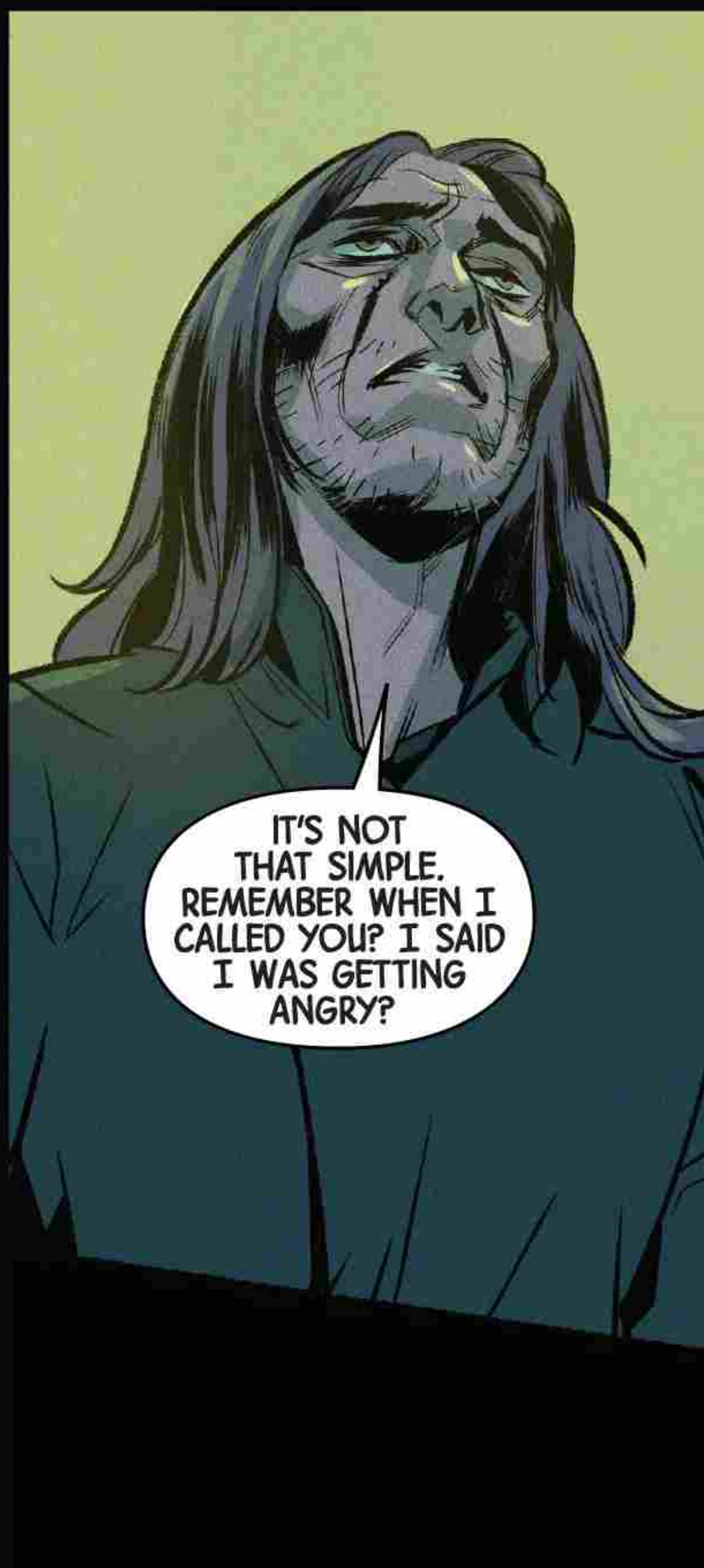
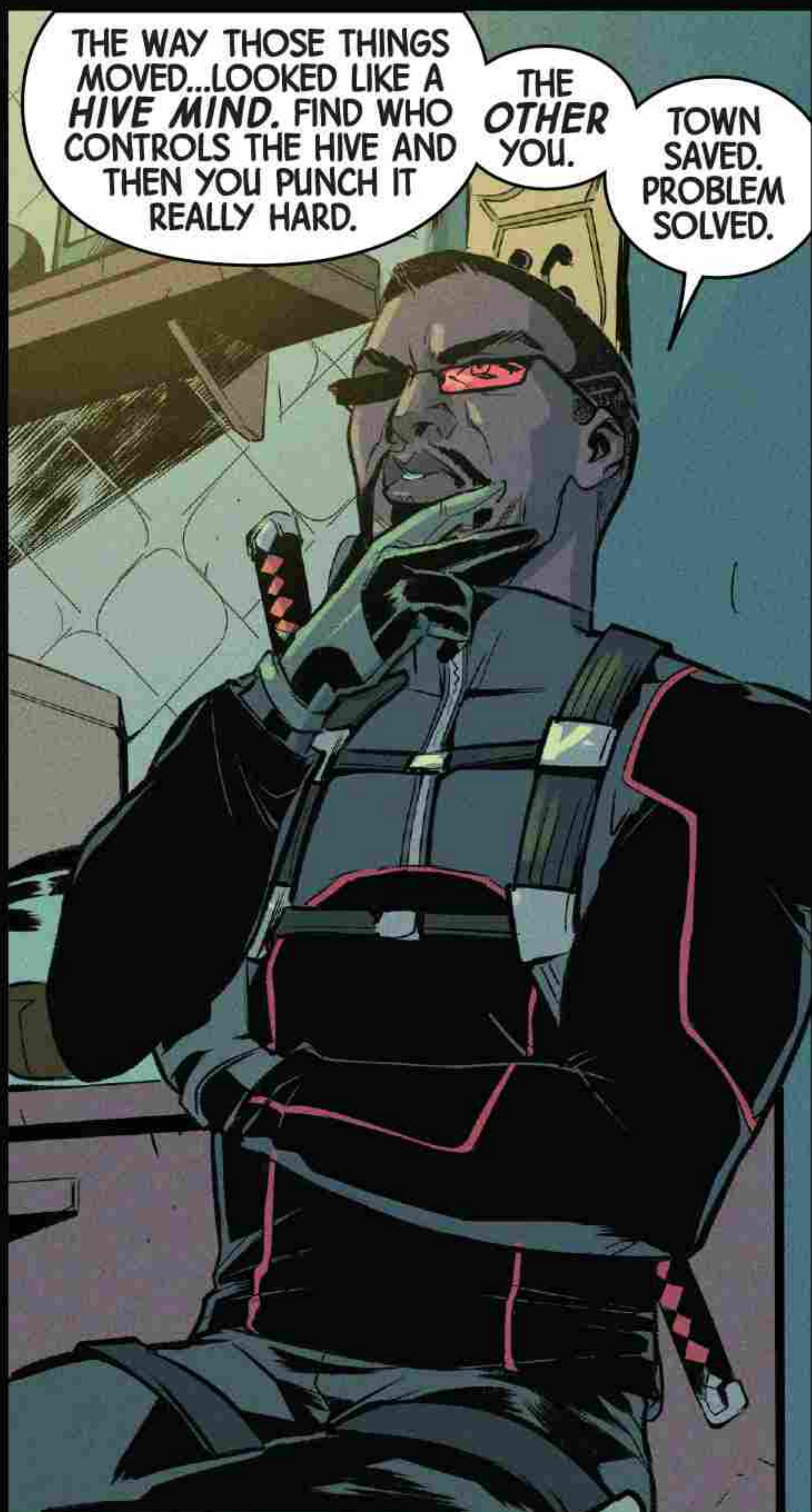


...AND THEN I LOST THE ONLY WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY IT. GOT SOME FRIENDS HURT.

THEY'RE STILL HURTING.



THE ADANA IS EMPOWERING **SENTIENT EVIL** AROUND THE WORLD. WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS PROBABLY MY FAULT TOO.





THIS IS HIM,
MISTER.

RONNY. MY
BOY'S CALLED
RONNY.



HE
WOKE UP IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT. WENT
OUT INTO THE
WOODS.



HE CAME
BACK...BUT IT
WASN'T HIM.

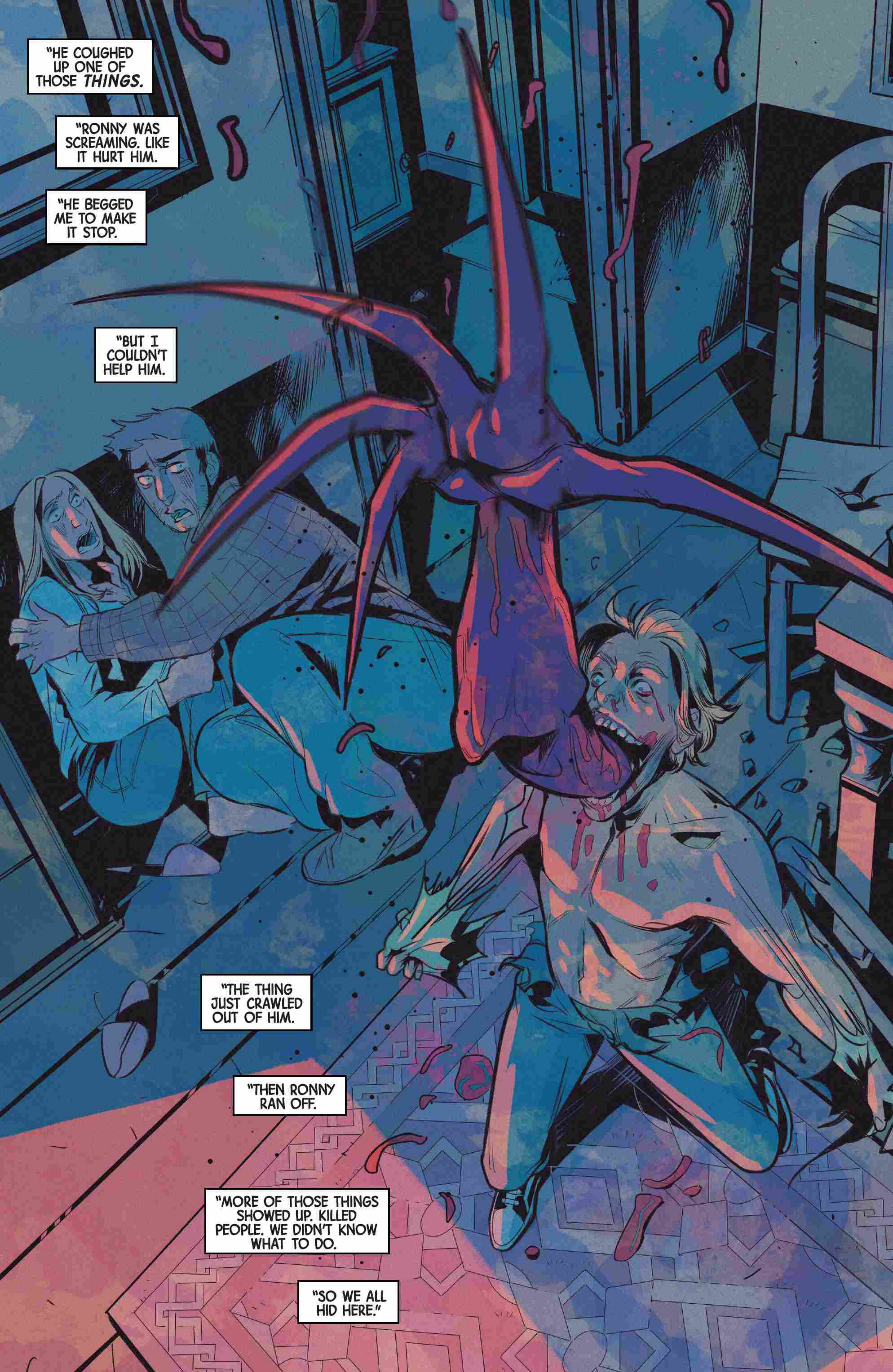


SOMETHING
GOT INTO HIM.
MY BOY.



HE TRIED TO
KILL HIS MOTHER
WITH A KITCHEN
KNIFE.

BUT THAT
WASN'T
THE WORST
OF IT.



"HE COUGHED
UP ONE OF
THOSE *THINGS*.

"RONNY WAS
SCREAMING. LIKE
IT HURT HIM.

"HE BEGGED
ME TO MAKE
IT STOP.

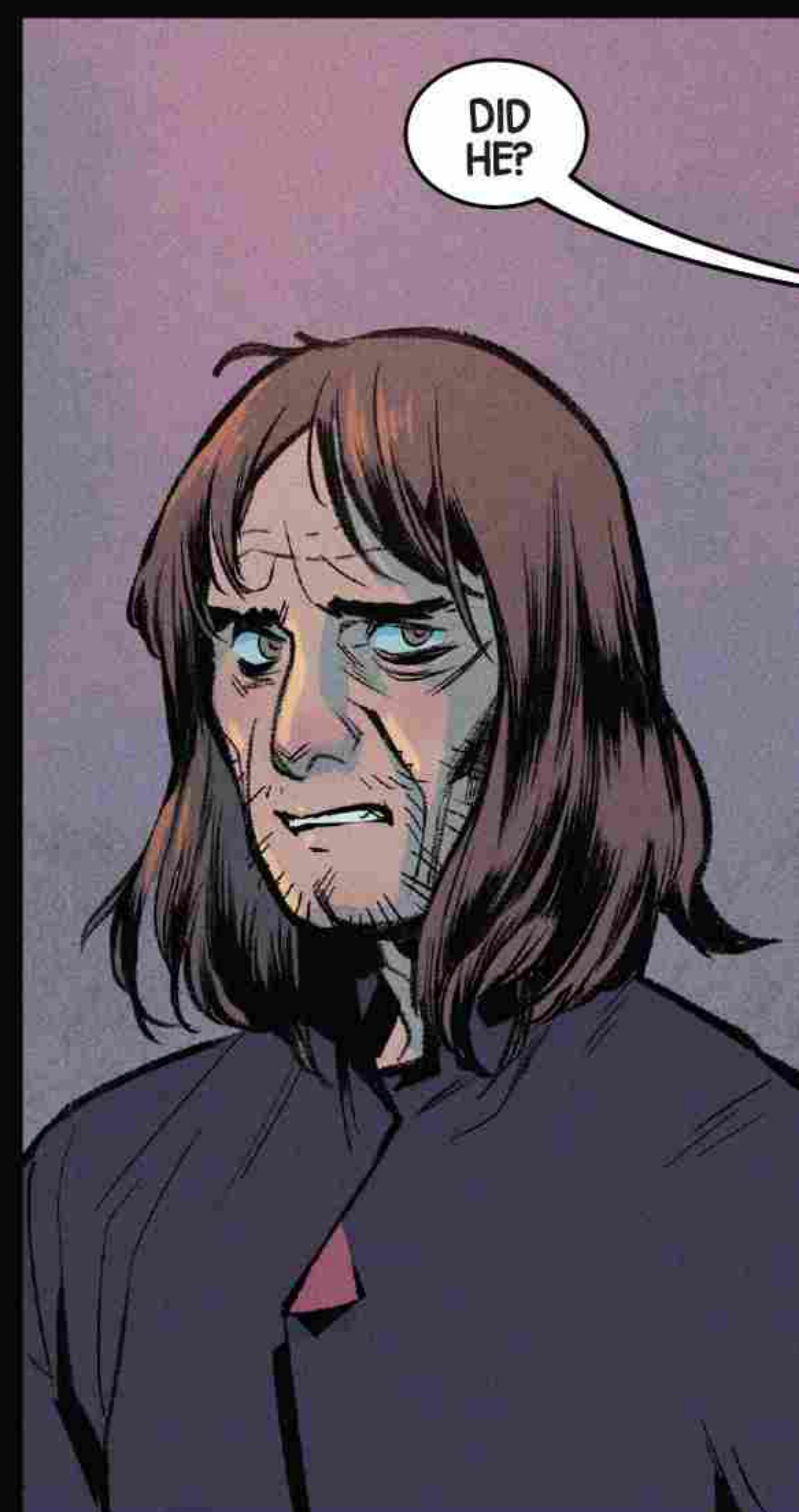
"BUT I
COULDN'T
HELP HIM.

"THE THING
JUST CRAWLED
OUT OF HIM.

"THEN RONNY
RAN OFF.

"MORE OF THOSE THINGS
SHOWED UP. KILLED
PEOPLE. WE DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

"SO WE ALL
HID HERE."





SOUNDS LIKE THE BOY IS POSSESSED.

SEE WHY I CAN'T JUST PUNCH HIM?

I'M NOT AN EXORCIST, BANNER.

BUT YOU UNDERSTAND THE **SCIENCE** OF THIS.



EVERYTHING HAS ITS OWN **SCIENCE**.

OF THIS MUCH I AM CERTAIN.



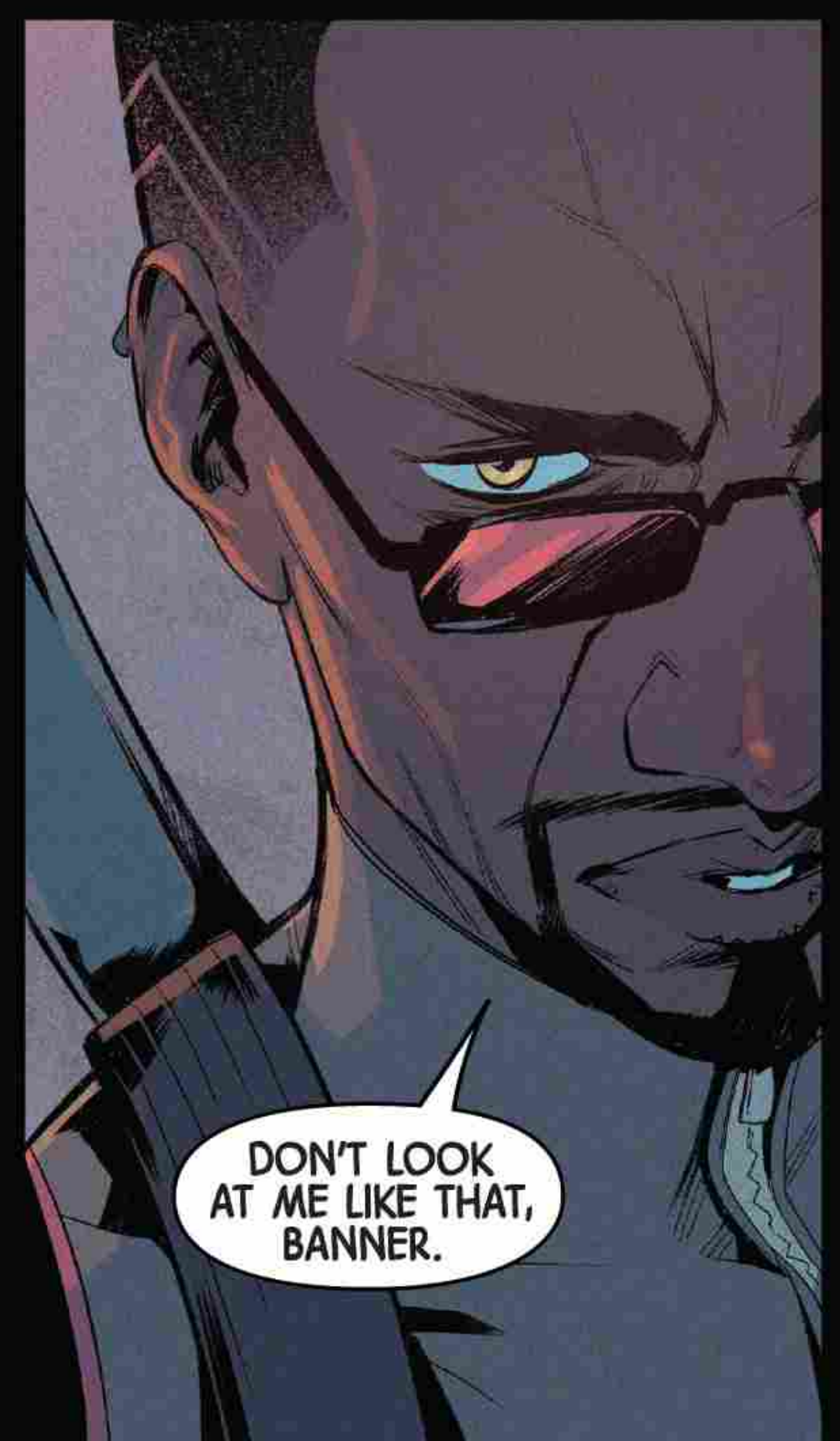
LOOK, ALL I KNOW...



...ONCE SOMETHING LIKE THAT TAKES HOLD, EITHER YOU FORCE IT OUT WITH SKILLS I **DON'T HAVE**--

OR?

--OR YOU GET IT TO DECIDE TO COME OUT ALL BY ITSELF.



DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, BANNER.

"TELL THEM
I'LL TALK TO
THE BOY."

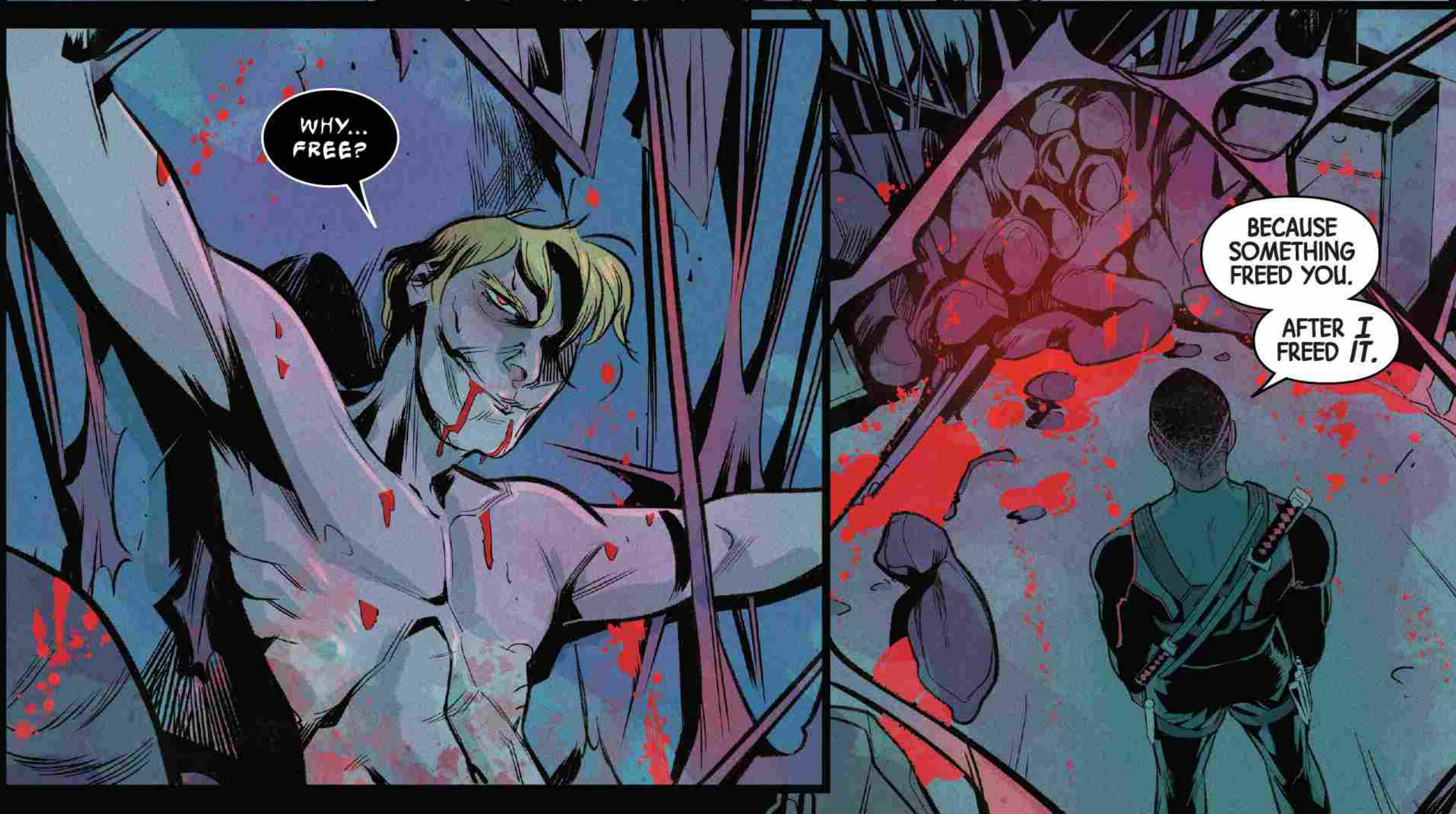
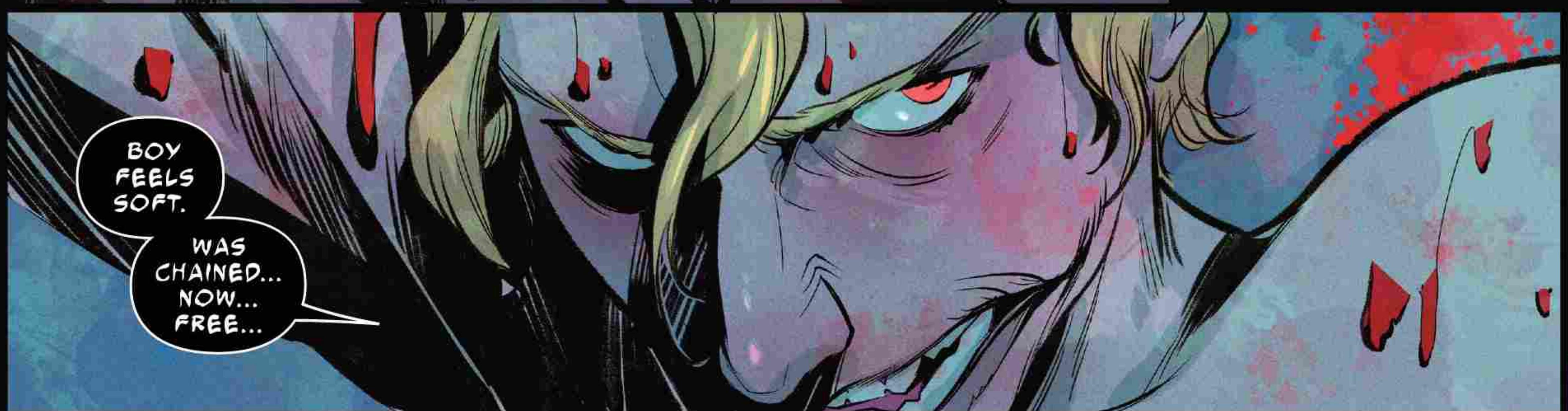
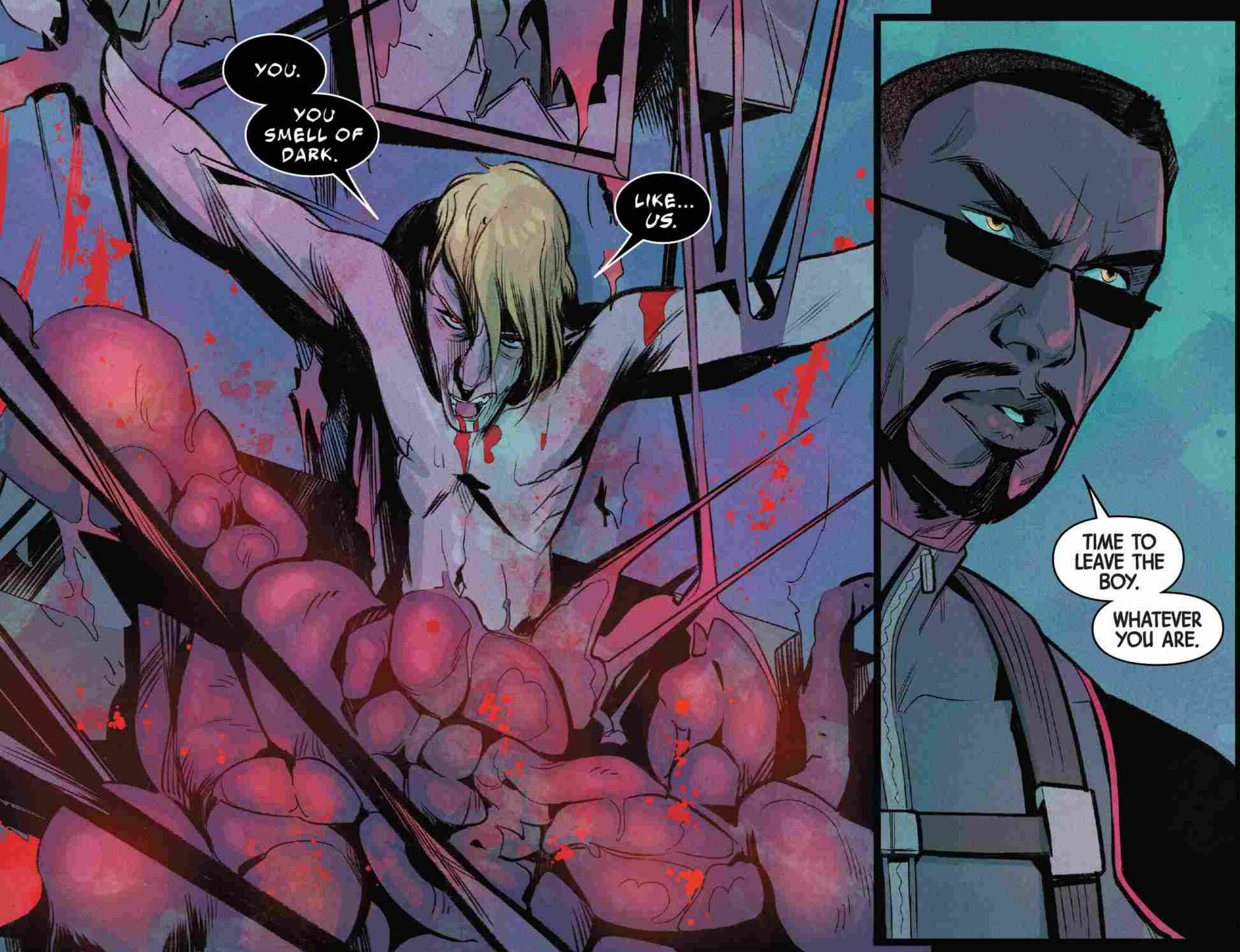


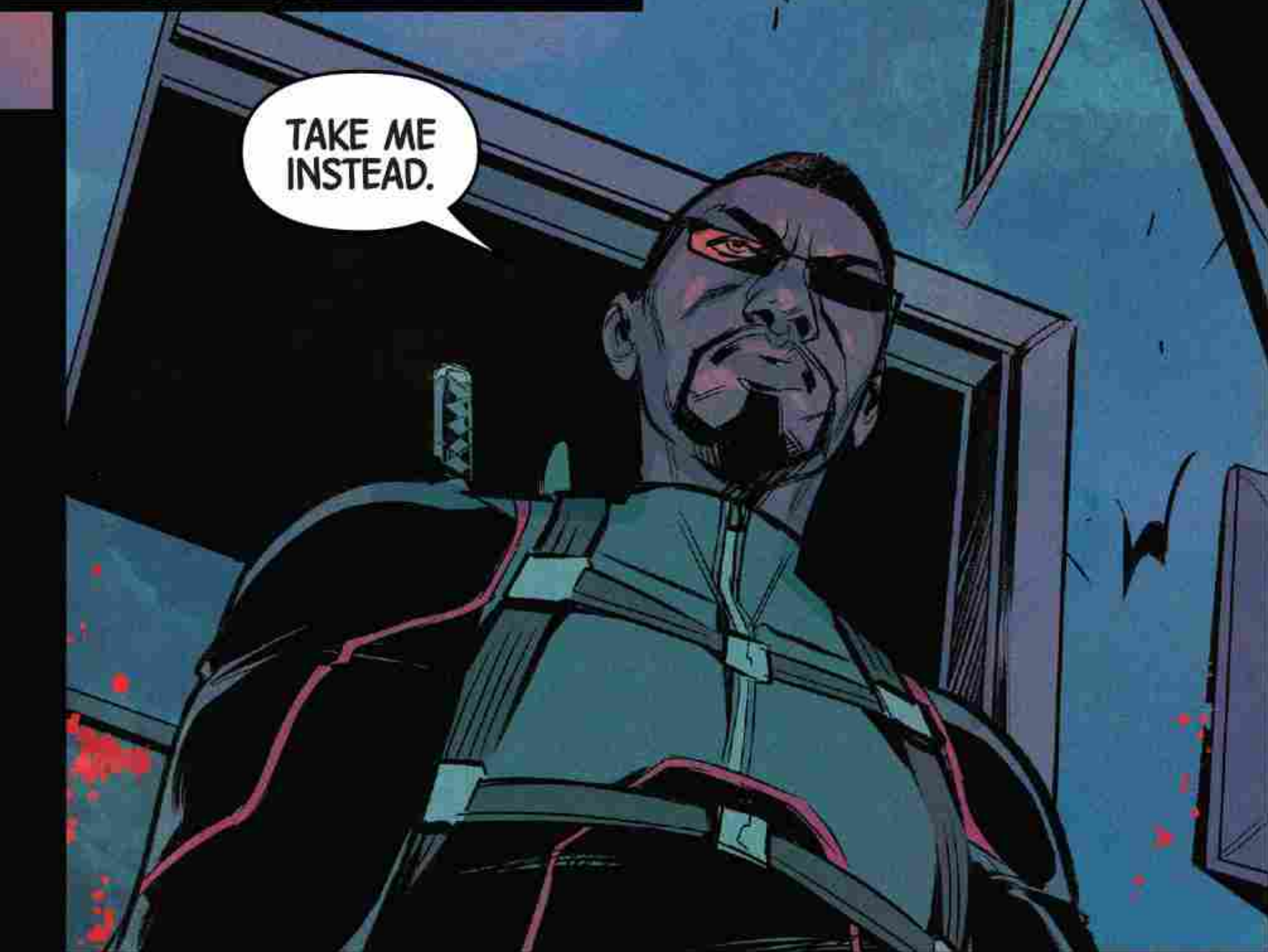
"BUT DON'T PROMISE
THEM A HAPPY
ENDING, BANNER."



"BECAUSE THEY MIGHT
NOT GET ONE."









MORE
THAN THE
BOY.



YOU
GIVE...US
POWER?



TAKE ME.
LEAVE THE
BOY.



I WILL GIVE
YOU EVERYTHING
I AM.

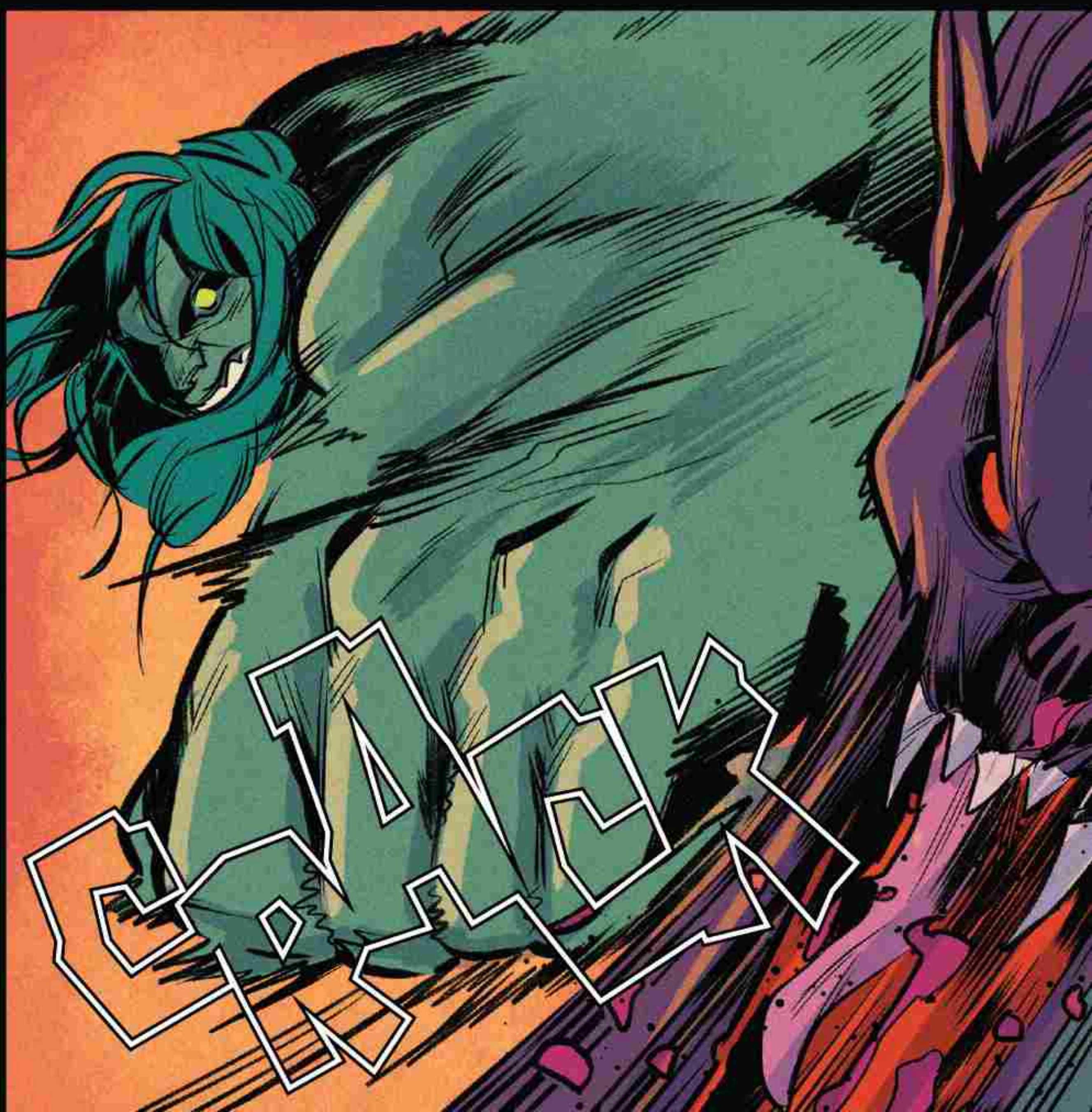
AND YOU
LEAVE THE
BOY.

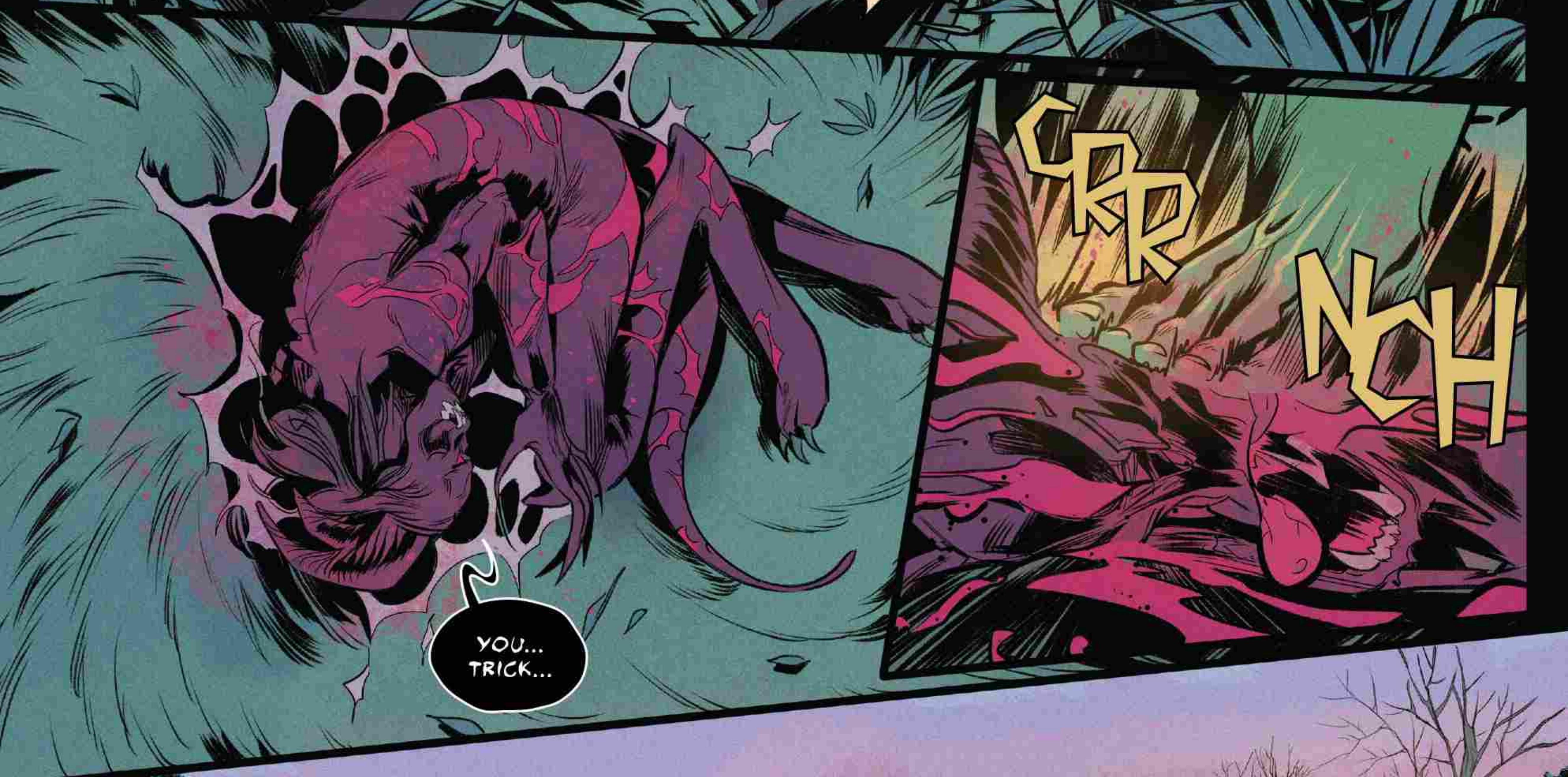


YOU POWER.
MORE POWER
THAN US.

YOU COME
CLOSERRR....









WAS IT HARD?
KEEPING THAT...
THING FROM TAKING
YOU OVER?

I COULD
ASK YOU THE
SAME QUESTION,
BANNER.



I NEVER
KEEP IT FROM
TAKING OVER.



BELIEVE IN
THE GOOD
DOCTOR,
BANNER.

FIRST,
DO NO
HARM.



I HAVE TO
END THIS. ALL
OF THIS.

WHEREVER
THE SHADOW OF
THE ADANA
FALLS.



YOU MADE
IT SOUND LIKE THAT
WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

YOU
HAVE AN IDEA
HOW?



WHEN THAT THING WAS INSIDE ME...I SAW WHERE I NEED TO GO.



WHAT DID YOU SEE?



HELL, DOCTOR.



I NEED TO GO TO HELL.



IN THE END...



"...I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE'RE ALL GOING."

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT

BLADE SEARCHES FOR ANSWERS TO DEFEAT THE ADANA FROM HER VERY SOURCE—A JOURNEY INTO THE PITS OF HELL! ELENA CASAGRANDE RETURNS ON INTERIORS FOR A MACABRE ADVENTURE WITH ALLIES OLD AND NEW!

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